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## Russian Offensive Grows In Power: Successes In Moscow And Rostov Areas

# THREE SOVIET ARMIES ARRIVING ON

### Another Navy Success

## 10,000-TON HIN RAIDER SUNK

THE 9,575-TON CRUISER DORSETSHIRE, THE TERROR OF THE AXIS BLOCKADE RUNNERS, THE SHIP THAT TORPEDOED THE BISMARCK LAST MAY, HAS SUNK A 10,000-TON GERMAN SEA RAIDER IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.

An official Admiralty communique last night said that after her reconnaissance aircraft had spotted the raider, the Dorsetshire closed in and sank the vessel without herself suffering casualties or damage.

In command of the Dorsetshire was Capt. A. W. S. Agar, who won the V.C. and D.S.O. in the last war and caused the enemy to put a price on his head.

The cruiser was "on a passage" when the Admiralty communique said when her plane reported that the raider was lying alongside. The raider was laden with oil drums and provisions, obviously supplies for German U-boats, were in the hold.

The vessel made off in a vain attempt to escape. The Dorsetshire closed. Her eight-inch main battery opened and won the raider was sinking. No survivors were picked up. U-boats made rescue work too risky. And Capt. Agar proceeded "on a passage."

## STORMS— BUT FINE FOR RAF

WHILE RAF fighters, defying storms in the Straits of Dover yesterday, were sweeping up war planes in Northern France, Coastal Command bombers were putting more of the enemy's supply ships out of action off the Norwegian coast.

The RAF, it was found, for the day: Dived from 100 ft. to 50 ft. to height on three factors: one up in flames, damaged a good train. Bombers: Direct hits on two ships, one large the other medium size.

A Spitfire pilot of the squadron lost the factors: shot down. 50 ft. of Plymouth after a running chase. Not a single RAF plane was lost.

## 1,500 GERMANS KILLED IN RAF RAID ON GREECE

ATHENS, Saturday.—Reports who fled from Greece have revealed in interviews with newspaper editors that a recent RAF raid on Salonika, near Athens, 150 miles from the coast, killed 1,500 Germans. They said that the Italian crews gave up their positions and sought shelter on the appearance of the British planes.

## SINGAPORE KEEPS A CLOSER DEFENCE WATCH

SINGAPORE took further precautionary measures yesterday in face of Japan's continued saber-rattling.

Personnel of the Navy and RAF who had been given temporary leave in the past few days were suddenly recalled to barracks.

Patrols were flushed on kilometers of the main roads and the men were patrolling the main roads.

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### 'NEARLY READY'

## We Equip Poland's Army

Moscow, Saturday.

"POLISH ARMY" reserves are enormous," said General Anders, Polish Commander-in-Chief, in an interview published in "Pravda."

He added: "We could multiply the number of our divisions several fold, and we are doing so."

When required the units of our army will gather on the Continent to join decisive battles with the armed forces of Hitlerite Germany. The main difficulties in forming the Polish army in Russia have been overcome. More than sufficient numbers have arrived from Poland, and part of the army members have already been delivered. We shall be fully armed.

—this was the assurance given by Mr. Churchill to General Sikorski, while Mr. Harrison of America made a similar promise to Mr. Reuter.

### Rome Admits 'Notable Damage' In Naples'

A DISMISSAL that "notable damage" was caused to civil buildings during an RAF raid on Naples on Friday night, said the Italian radio, after a brief communique.

Several people were killed and about 40 injured, it is added. Fires which resulted were promptly smothered.

Night fighters shot down one of the raiding machines, which crashed in the vicinity of Ottaviano.

Two of the crew of six were killed, and two who were injured were captured.

Two other enemy planes which were hit by A.A. fire crashed into the sea to the north of Bari, and the other off Capo Misuno in the Gulf of Taranto.

### RUSSIA TO RUN STATE LOTTERY

Moscow Radio states that the Soviet Government are to launch a State Lottery, to take place on March 1 next.

Tickets to the value of one thousand rubles are to be issued, and the profits used for war purposes.

From Singapore were ordered ashore again with their luggage. General Sir Thomas Blamey, Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Imperial Force, who is now on his way back to Australia, said at Bangalore that our position in Singapore was "very, very strong."

There was no indication of any future of any confidence.

THE RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE IS GROWING IN STRENGTH. WEST OF ROSTOV, TIMOSHENKO'S VICTORIOUS FORCES CONTINUE TO PURSUE VON KLEIST'S DEFEATED ARMY; ANOTHER ONSLAUGHT BY SOVIET TROOPS WAS REPORTED YESTERDAY TO BE DEVELOPING IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE KLIN SECTOR, NORTH-WEST OF MOSCOW; AND IN THE TULA SECTOR A SOVIET DRIVE AIMING TO CUT OFF THE GERMANS STRIKING EAST OF TULA IS IN PROGRESS.

### Frost Kills Germans

"PRAVDA's" correspondent on the Moscow front, quoted by Soviet Radio yesterday, said that a frost of 17 degrees below zero—40 degrees of frost—was one of the important events of Friday.

Frost had scored its first victory, he said.

At night, leading Soviet troops found German soldiers frozen to death on one road leading south-west. They had been hit by the Russian frost and not by bullets," the correspondent said.

A fierce, biting wind had risen during the evening.

### Nazis Loot Blankets

A.L.L. radio sets in shops and warehouses and woollen blankets in factories and warehouses have been looted by the Germans in Holland, according to news received in London, says Reuter.

This looting is attributed to the fact that Germany badly needs certain supplies for her campaign in Russia. Nails and screws are particularly unobtainable.

### MARRIAGE SECRET REVEALED

## King Of The Belgians

Weds A 'Pretty Commoner'

KING LEOPOLD OF THE BELGIANS HAS MARRIED A 'PRETTY COMMONER', MARY LELIA BAILS, DAUGHTER OF THE FORMER GOVERNOR OF EAST FLANDERS.

The marriage, announced yesterday over the German radio, was stated to have taken place on November 9 in Brussels.

The news, added the message, was contained in a pastoral letter from the Archbishop of Belgium to the rest of the churches in Belgium today.

King Leopold was 57 years of age. She was at school in England during the last war. Since his accession to the Belgian throne a few years ago when her father was a Catholic minister, she is well known in Brussels society.

Leopold, 40, was married in 1926 to Princess Astrid of Sweden.

An accident in which she was killed occurred at the King drove his motor car along the lake-side road near Kuksnacht, nine miles from Lucerne.

A PRISONER.—The King evidently lost control of the car and it swerved towards the lake and crashed into a tree. Queen Astrid was thrown against the tree and died instantly.

There were three children of the marriage.

From then on, Leopold became the sorrowful figure of Europe's royalty. He went to live quietly with his wife and children at Laeken Castle.

After the Germans had overruled Belgium last year and the country had capitulated, Leopold went back from the head of his troops to live at Laeken, where he described himself as a prisoner. Since his capitulation, he has refused to take any part in the government of his country, asserting that since the Germans captured it, it was their responsibility to run it.

### SLEPT FOR 15 YEARS

William Lord, aged sixty-seven, who slept for 15 years, awakening only twice, has died in Springfield, Massachusetts.

In 1926, he fell into a form of sleep sickness. At his wife's command, however, Lord could eat, drink and smoke, and his senses of touch, taste and hearing remained.

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## ROMMEL HIT IN EIGHT PLACES

# Big Enemy Losses In Libya Battle

ALL OVER THE LIBYAN BATTLEFIELD BRITISH TROOPS WERE YESTERDAY SMASHING UP ENEMY COLUMNS WITH ARTILLERY, MACHINE-GUNS AND AIRCRAFT. IN AT LEAST EIGHT ENGAGEMENTS BETWEEN THE TOBRUK BULGE AND THE FRONTIER AT SOLLUM THE ENEMY HAD HEAVY LOSSES IN MEN AND MATERIAL.

The initiative is in our hands, it was learned last night in London, and we are doing all the attacking.

Yesterday's Cairo communique gave the impression that in the absence of a major clash by armoured units, we are now waging a campaign of annihilation.

Great quantities of material have been captured, and our troops are destroying all enemy supplies that they cannot cart off.

New Zealanders got one big haul of equipment after a bayonet charge.

The Germans, nevertheless, have shown no signs of wanting to get away from the frontier area, which could have lured past Tobruk to the west if they had wished, but appears that Rommel is determined to fight it out.

His precarious supply position may be the chief reason for his decision to stand his ground.

He now appears to be thrusting out feelers from the central mass of his troops, could it be Sidi Rezzeq. But from every one of these patrols the enemy forces retire, as one observer said, "with their noses bleeding."

The great extent of the enemy's retreat was told in the British communique, which stated:

"During the last 24 hours our forces have maintained unrelenting pressure on the enemy throughout the whole area of operations."

At El Duda, what little ground remained in enemy hands after their third attack on Thursday has now been recovered by British North African infantry as a result of night operations.

German prisoners captured in this operation and in two earlier attacks against El Duda included a tank crew, a machine gun crew, and a soldier who suffered very heavy casualties.

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